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J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
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Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 228

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, September 16, 1895. 846

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BANKING CORPORATION.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 16, 1896. 368

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at  
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

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Hongkong, April 1, 1896. 988

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SALE WILL CONTINUE  
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NEW GOODS 'FY LATE ARRIVALS'  
WILL BE OFFERED SUITABLE FOR  
SPRING AND SUMMER WEAR.

Hongkong, March 30, 1896. 671

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NAVIGATION COMPANY

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named:—

FOR. STEAMSHIP. CAPTAIN. DATE.

SHAI, NSAKI  
KORE & YAMACON... C. E. BAKER... About 18th April.

SHANGHAI... J. E. STUBBS... About 19th April.

LONDON... J. COVIE, R.N.R... About 21st April.

LONDON, &c... F. J. COLE... Noon, 23rd April.

JAPAN... C. H. S. TOOPCE, R.N.R... Noon, 24th April.

LONDON via  
MARSEILLES... Canton... A. G. CURTIS, R.N.R... About 5th May.

\* See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1896. 792

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ITS ADVANTAGES ARE:—

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One coat is sufficient.  
Applied as ordinary paint and dries in a few minutes.  
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It keeps the complexion fresh  
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Hongkong, March 25, 1896. 793

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WATKINS' BALSAMIC LINCTUS  
WHICH ACT, BY INHALATION AND ABSORPTION, DIRECTLY UPON  
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BRONCHIA, LUNGS, &c.

Invaluable as a Remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis,  
Laryngitis, Hoarseness, Catarrh, Asthma, &c.

THE EFFECT IS INSTANTANEOUS.  
MORE EFFICACIOUS AND CHEAPER

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

UNDER Instructions from the Directors,  
Mr. H. A. RITCHIE will TAKE  
CHARGE of the Company's BUSINESS at this  
Port on and after the 9th Instant.

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 9, 1896. 793

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

PINILLOS LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LIVERPOOL, ANTWERP,  
ROTTERDAM, SANTANDER, CADIZ,  
AND MANILA.

THE Steamship *Pio IX* having ar-  
rived from the above Ports, Con-  
signees of Cargo by her, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the  
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND  
GOSNOLD CO., LD., at Kowloon, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all  
Claims for damages and/or shortages not  
later than the 28th Instant, otherwise they  
will be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 21st Inst., at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, April 14, 1896. 796

STEAMSHIP SYDNEY.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London  
or Steamship *Orizabal*, and from  
Bordeaux or Steamship *Ville de*  
*Dunkerque*, in connection with the  
above Steamers, are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and stored  
at their risks into the Godowns of the  
HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GOSNOLD  
COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence de-  
livery may be obtained immediately after  
landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon To-day (Tuesday), the 14th  
Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Tues-  
day, the 21st Instant, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or  
before Tuesday, the 21st Instant, or they  
will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined  
on Tuesday, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

O. TOURNIAIRE,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1896. 791

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT  
SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH,  
SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HOEDEDA,  
ADEN, KURACHIE, BOMBAY,  
COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Maria Valeria* having arrived,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the  
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND  
GOSNOLD CO., LD., at Kowloon, whence de-  
livery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
Claims must be sent in to the Office of the  
Undersigned before Noon on the 20th  
Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on Thursday, the 16th  
Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and  
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after  
the 16th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, April 13, 1896. 790

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,







The Russian cruisers *Surik* and *Dimitri* Donkoi were timed to leave Singapore for Hongkong on Monday last, 13th inst.

The Ovide Music Concert Company has been well received by the critics at Singapore, but disappointingly small audiences were reported.

The Rev. R. F. Oobbold left for home on leave to-day by the French mail steamer *Salazie*. A large number of residents were down at the wharf to wish him a safe voyage.

When H.M.S. *Undaunted* was at Labuan, several shooting parties went on shore on the mainland, but although many deer were sighted no easy chances of a shot were obtained.

The first heat for Mr F. H. May's Polo Cup will be played on Friday afternoon, 17th inst., at 5 o'clock, on the Causeway Bay ground, between Capt. Loveband's and Mr T. H. Whitehead's teams.

On Monday a gang of twenty men, armed with a sword, revolver and other firearms, took possession of a shop in Kowloon City, and after searching the premises decamped with raw and prepared opium to the value of \$600.

VESSELS IN THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon—H. M. S. *Centurion*, schooner *Esmeralda*, *Azamor*, Independent, *Taihow*, H.M.S. *Archer*, H.M.S. *Wivora*.  
Cosmopolitan—*Exo*.  
Aberdeen—*Ocampo*.

The schedule of the time of departure from Hongkong for Macao of the steamer *Huangshan* during the summer months has been issued by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, Ltd. Commencing on the 15th inst., and until further notice, the *Huangshan* will leave Macao at 7.30 a.m.

Shortly after nine o'clock last night four men armed with revolvers entered a second-hand clothes shop at Queen's Road East, Wanchai, and after having tied up the four occupants in the back room, secured clothing and money to the value of \$100. The alarm was not raised till a considerable time afterwards and the thieves made good their escape. The occupants of the shop state they could identify the robbers.

The Right Rev. E. Gaudier, Roman Catholic Bishop of Malacca, Chaplain to the troops, died at Singapore on the morning of the 8th inst. Heart disease was the cause of death, complicated by dropsy. Deceased belonged to Angers, was 63 years of age, entered the priesthood at the age of 24 and was sent to Mysore as a missionary; was elected, in 1878, Vicar Apostolic of the Malay Peninsula and Bishop of Eucapacia, which office he continued to hold until 1888, when the style of the see was altered to that of Bishop of Malacca.

The Straits Times says:—We are authoritatively informed that, on the conclusion of the coronation festivities in Moscow, Li Hung-Chang will go to London, where he is entrusted with a special political mission to the Marquis of Salisbury. Questions of great importance to British trade and political supremacy in the Far East will be discussed by the two statesmen. While in England, His Excellency will be received and entertained by Her Majesty the Queen. Li Hung-Chang had previously arranged to return to China by way of America, but he has now decided, after experience of the fatigue that would be entailed by so long a journey, to return via the Suez Canal. We hope the result of Li Hung-Chang's trip to civilised Europe will result in the introduction of true reform in China, if not through the medium of the veteran statesman, at least by the aid of the large company of officials who accompany him.

A SPECIAL session of the Justices of the Peace was held in the Justices Room at the Magistrate's office this afternoon. The Justices present were:—Commander Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate; Captain Leith-bridge, Acting Superintendent of Police; Messrs W. M. B. Arthur, A. S. Hooper, D. E. Brown, A. G. Morris, E. W. Mitchell, J. A. Carville, J. H. Lewis and W. Dwyer. The Justices considered an application from Esther Oliver for the transfer of her Publican's license to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at houses Nos. 12 and 13, Queen Victoria Street, under the sign of 'The Traveller's Hotel' to one Amelia Schwarz. Mr F. B. Bowley appeared for the applicant and said that the hotel was principally used by German officers and engineers, and that 3,824 passed through the Colony every year. The Police objected to the transfer on the ground that there were two houses of the same name near at hand, and there was no necessity for this one. Mr Bowley stated the applicant had a good character, and her application was supported by the German Consul. The application was refused.

W. ROBINSON & Co's Planos are guaranteed for the climate. Planos Repaired equal to new.

At Dundee the other day, a final dividend at the rate of thirty-nine hundredths of a penny in the pound was paid on the estate of Ernest Haebiger, merchant, who two years ago was convicted and sentenced to eight years' penal servitude for a series of frauds on his merchants. The first dividend was 14d. per pound.

It is deemed worthy of note that the Japanese Consul was not present at H. E. Li Hung Chang's reception at Singapore.

LAST night Inspector McIver visited a Japanese refreshment room in Wellington Street with a warrant to search for intoxicating liquor. The Inspector was not successful in securing a sufficient quantity of intoxicating liquor to institute a charge of dealing without a license, but in the course of his search he observed that 'Adam's wine' was too freely used, the tap being turned full on and the water running over the floor. At the Magistrate's, the master of the refreshment room was found guilty of wasting the water and fined \$16, with an alternative of six weeks' imprisonment.

The annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps took place on the Parade Ground this afternoon. Major Pemberton, R.D., Acting Commandant, was in command, and the officers on parade were: Field Battery—Capt. McCallum, Lieutenants Chapman, Macdonald and Macdonald, and Surg.-Lieut. Stedman; Maxia Gun Company—Capt. Adamson and Lieutenants Lowborne and Surgeon-Lieutenant Lowborne. There was a large muster of both units, who performed a number of evolutions with the 7-pdr. guns and maxims, besides marching past and going through the ordinary firing and manual exercises. The numbers on parade were: Field Battery (rank and file), 53 and 14 signallers; Maxia Gun Corps (rank and file), 22. The Honorary Colonel, H. E. Sir W. Robinson, attended by his A.D.C. Capt. Sterling, was also present. The inspecting officer was Major-General Black, who was accompanied by his staff officers Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, D.A.A.G., and Capt. Loveband. A.D.C. After the inspection Major-General Black, in presenting the prizes to the successful competitors during the year, said it was the custom in the old days when inspecting volunteers to lay on a good deal of butter, but it would be a sort of insult to men of sense like the Hongkong Volunteers to besmear them with praise. He expressed himself as highly pleased with their movements on two field days on the hills and at the inspection. The firing of the 7-pounders was very good, but that of the maxims was very good, but that of the maxims was very good, but that of the maxims was very good.

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ALBION Planos, Art Models, very fine, \$400/450; Cabin Planos, small but excellent, \$175/225.—W. Robinson & Co.

The present position of the French cruiser *Jaly* is at present causing a good deal of doubt. She left Yokohama last for Cherbourg on the 7th, March, and since then her loss has been reported in several Japanese papers. We hear that there was no foundation for this report. Her exact whereabouts at present, however, is a mystery.—*Japan Mail*.

It is pointed out by the *Bombay Gazette*, that the time is fast approaching when the present contract with the P. & O. Company will have to be reconsidered and renewed. The Government of India, it appears, intend to address a despatch on the subject to the Secretary of State this year, embodying their views on the matter, and if we may judge of them by the tone of our contemporary's article, there is to be a steadfast demand for an accelerated speed.

A FAN quantity of powder was burnt yesterday morning (says the *Singapore Free Press*) at the S. I. inst., by the 21 guns, saluting the port, 21 from Fort Canning in reply. Then nine mail gun from Fort Canning. Then nine from the *Undaunted*, saluting Capt. Kriges, as having the rank of commodore, nine in reply from the *Rurik*, and nine from the *Dimitri* Donkoi. Then nineteen from Fort Canning, saluting Li Hung Chang on landing, nineteen from the *Undaunted* and nineteen from the *Rurik*. One hundred and twenty-seven guns in all, all within little more than an hour.

If the Chinese brave is always ready to bolt from an enemy, he is mighty treacherous and dangerous to his friends and teachers. The German drill instructors at Nanking have been so badly treated of late by their actually pupils that they have had to appeal to the Viceroy Liu Kun-yin on the subject. That official has accordingly issued a proclamation in which he explains to his military children that these foreigners were engaged by Chang Chih-ung, by order of the Emperor, to teach the Chinese to fight, and now that Chang is gone, the Chinese are not to treat the foreigners as 'foreign devils.' If the soldiers disobey this warning they will be severely punished.—*China Gazette*.

W. ROBINSON & Co. have 180 Planos for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Planos returned from Hire when.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE SPORTS. On Monday the annual sports of the Rifle Brigade were held at the Happy Valley. Splendid weather favoured the sports, and, therefore, the attendance of spectators was large, amongst those present being H.E. Sir William Robinson, the Governor. There was good competition in each of the events. During the afternoon the Band of the Regiment played selections of music. The whole arrangements for the meeting were admirably carried out. The following were the officials:—President and Referee—Lieut.-Col. C. H. B. Norcott. Committee—Capt. W. V. Eccles, Capt. A. G. Ferguson, Lieut. R. Alexander, Lieut. C. W. G. Knox, Lieut. C. Paley, Lieut. L. Hoey (Hon. Sec.) Sub-Committee—Sergeant Major W. Morrish, Quarter-Master Sergeant W. Heggath, Colour-Sergeant J. Finney, Colour-Sergeant H. Lacey.

Results:—  
Acting Corporal Shorman, 96 yards. 1  
Private Clarke, 90 yards. 2  
Private Perrow, 89 yards. 3  
HIGH JUMP.  
Private Cronin, 4 ft. 11 in. 1  
Private Buery, 4 ft. 11 in. 2  
Private Pacey, 4 ft. 9 in. 3  
VETERANS' RACE.  
Sergeant Tyro 1  
Sergeant Jones 2  
Private Higginson 3  
100 YARDS RACE.  
Acting Corporal Hall 1  
Private Richardson 2  
Private Crox 3  
Time—10 sec.  
SERGEANTS' RACE, 220 YARDS.  
Sergeant Jones 1  
Sergeant Ryan 2  
Private Watson 3  
Time—42 sec.  
DUAL ORDER, 300 YARDS.  
Private Threlwood 1  
Private Gorham 2  
Private Watson 3  
Time—42 sec.  
MURDER RACE, 120 YARDS.  
Private Hall 1  
Private Watwell 2  
Private Watson 3  
Time—16 sec.  
200 YARDS OPEN RACE.  
Acting Corporal Hall 1  
Private Ryder 2  
Private Crox 3  
Time—22 sec.  
CHILDREN'S HANDICAP.  
R. Peachy 1  
P. Morrish 2  
E. Layfield 3  
A. Oox 4  
M. Peachy 5  
200 YARDS INDIANS' RACE.  
Gurdah 1  
Gurdah Singh 2  
Ali Rika 3  
QUARTER MILE RACE.  
Private Ryder 1  
Private Whithill 2  
Private Watson 3  
Time—54 sec.  
HALF MILE RACE.  
Private Bandister 1  
Corporal Brook 2  
Private Watson 3  
BAND BOYS' RACE, 100 YARDS.  
Kelley 1  
Howard 2  
Gilbert 3  
ALBION POST CO. PRIZE.  
'C' Company 1  
'D' Company 2  
'E' Company 3  
TWO OF WAR.  
Band Green 1  
Bandman Vaughan 2  
Bandman Thomas 3  
The Battalion Athletic Shield, presented by Lieut.-Col. the Hon. M. Curzon, was won by 'C' Company (Capt. W. V. Eccles) with a score of 36 points, made up of three first prizes (18 points), three second prizes (12 points) and three third prizes (6 points). 'A' Company third with 12 points, 'D' Company fourth with 10 points, and 'E' Company sixth with 6 points. 'B' and 'F' tried for last with a total score of nil.

RACIAL and Brimand's Planos have no rival for tone, strength and appearance.—W. Robinson & Co.

PRESIDENT KIRK has retained Sir George Lewis and Sir R. T. Reid, Q.C., M.P., to watch the proceedings on his behalf in the charge against Dr Jameson of having committed an offence under the Foreign Enlistment Act.

THE *European Economist* publishes some interesting figures relating to the growth of population in the various countries of Europe in the decennial period 1885-1895. In the aggregate the increase has been some 20,923,000. The figures relating to the increase in individual States are somewhat striking. Thus in the ten years Russia added 12,510,000 souls to her existing population, Germany 4,522,000, Austria-Hungary 3,502,000, Great Britain 2,402,400, Turkey 1,400,000, and Spain 1,170,000. This is a very serious state of things for Russia, especially when with this enormous 671,100 we contrast Germany's 4,522,000. Young Germany, France would seem to literally reproduce Goldsmith's line as a country where wealth accumulates and woe decays—in point of numbers. The *Figaro*, commenting on these statistics, says that they point to a lamentable state of things for France, and that the census to be taken this year will not reveal any improvement.

MESSRS Noel, Murray & Co., in their circular dated Shanghai, 9th April, say:—Considerable prominence has been given recently in certain home papers concerning the future prospects of the Foreign planing enterprise that are being promoted here. The articles in question appear to emanate from Tokyo, and look as though they were written as an excuse for the withdrawal of the mills the Japanese originally intended to erect. It is urged, without the slightest foundation, that the cotton used by the foreign mills is liable to be subjected to untold risks 'equences before it reaches the mills, in order to protect the native mills already established. No explanation is given as to how that is to be effected, and the very important fact is overlooked that the price of native cotton is bound to be regulated by the price at which Indian cotton can be imported, on which the duty is already fixed by the tariff. Owing to the high prices ruling, and the shameless way in which Chinese cotton has been 'watered,' the Japanese mills have already largely given up its use in favour of the Indian and American staples, and that course will always be a safeguard to the establishments here.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. (SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)

LONDON, April 13, 1896.  
Mr Cecil Rhodes proposes to start for Port Salisbury with a column to relieve Bulawayo. Two hundred Southsides troops will form part of the column.  
Sir Hercules Robinson is sending to Matabeleland two hundred mounted infantry and three hundred cavalry, besides a body of volunteers.

THE COST OF THE NILE EXPEDITION.  
A group of Egyptian capitalists is legally opposing the action of the French Bondholders Association, affirming that the grant of funds from the Caisse de la Dette is justified by the necessity for the Nile Expedition. The case has commenced in Cairo, and has been adjourned for a fortnight.

LI HUNG CHANG AT SAIGON.  
Le Courrier de Saigon contains a further account of the visit to Saigon of Viceroy Li Hung Chang, and of his entertainment at Government House by the Lieut.-Governor, M. Sandret. After dinner, the Viceroy made the following little speech:—

Ladies and gentlemen, I drink to your health, to the prosperity of the French Government, and I rejoice at the important event which supplies the motive of our passage through this country. We are going, as you know, to the coronation of the Emperor of Russia, H.M. the Czar Alexander. The Emperor of China, our master, has decided to visit the Emperor of France, and we are going direct to Alexandria, whence a special ship will take us to Odessa, and thence we proceed to Moscow by the most rapid means. After the coronation of the Czar we will visit Europe; passing through Berlin we will go to Paris, to present to the Emperor of France the letter of credence which the Emperor of China has just signed, and which we are bringing to France and Germany, the satisfaction of the Tientsin Yamen and of our Emperor for the part taken by these two Powers in the restitution to China of the province of Liaoting by the Japanese. We thank you, M. le Gouverneur, for the kind words which you have just said, and which we have been accorded to us by the population of Cochinchina, and for the kindness of your Government. We will send a telegram to the Tientsin Yamen to acquaint it with all the details of our visit to Cochinchina and requesting the Yamen to thank the President of the French Republic on our name. I drink to your health, M. le Gouverneur, ladies and gentlemen, and to the health of the whole of France.

M. Sandret replied in a short speech and thanked the Viceroy for the favourable impressions he had formed of France. He hoped that the visit to France would be such as to conduce to the peace and happiness of both.  
An adjournment was made to the Theatre to witness 'The Grand Mogul,' but Li Hung Chang, on the score of fatigue, left at the conclusion of the first act. We are told that the orchestra played in brilliant fashion, the Chinese pianists in brilliant fashion, and the French pianists in brilliant fashion. The Viceroy presented Madame Sandret with four pieces of Chinese silk manufactured in Peking for the Imperial Court. Added to this royal present, Li Hung Chang presented her with four boxes of Imperial tea 'de qualité extra-supérieure!!!'

H. E. Li Hung Chang at Singapore.  
The Ambassador from the Emperor of China, H. E. Li Hung Chang, remained during the afternoon of yesterday (7th inst.) at the house of the Chinese Consul, after leaving Government House. In the evening he drove out to Bendemeer, Serangoon Road, the residences of Mr Seah Liang Seah, and formerly Whampoa's Gardens. Contrary to expectation he drove thence direct to Boreo Wharf and went aboard the mail boat 6.30 a.m.

A special point was made of looking after the distinguished visitor's safety, as there was some unfounded rumour of bad feeling being against him which might have led to mischief. Inspector Jennings therefore accompanied H. E. from Government House, and Suplt. Bell accompanied him to Bendemeer. It need hardly be said that the precautionary measures were ample to secure him from any molestation, a most improbable event.—*Singapore Free Press*.

WEY H. E. DID NOT LAND AT HONGKONG.  
Li Hung-Chang officially stated, at the Chinese Consulate yesterday, his reasons for landing at Hongkong. He remained on board the steamer in deference to the advice of his medical adviser, who feared the plague in the island. Dr Irwin said there would be no risk in His Excellency himself going ashore; but, if he went, his servants would also land, and the steamer might be brought ashore. While he remained on the vessel, none of his servants would dare to land. Li Hung-Chang was also very anxious to proceed. He feared nine days' quarantine at Singapore, and was afraid that he might arrive in Russia too late for the coronation, which is fixed for the 14th of May. Should the Russian Government have arranged to send a warship to Alexandria, so that Li Hung-Chang may go to Moscow by way of the Black Sea.—*Straits Times*.

RAUB.  
Speaking of the proposed increase of the milling power at Raub, as well as the suggested introduction of electric power installation and so on, the *Parak Pioneer* says:—  
'So far the mine has only paid—including the expenses now proposed to be distributed—dividends amounting to one shilling since 1890, or earlier, on shares that have been paid up to the extent of thirteen shillings and sixpence or more. The whole of the gold won has only produced in that time \$633,000. Practically, then, up to the present the company has done nothing more than mine for the benefit of its servants and the State of Pahang;—a circumstance worthy of consideration for many purposes. To preserve what the manager and directors now consider necessary, partially paid-up shareholders will have to contribute the whole of the balance due on their shares. The subject is one that requires pondering on. The views of the manager are worthy of consideration no doubt; but few things are so delusive as the economicities of gold and silver deposits, generally.'

THE CHINESE-JAPAN TREATY OF PEACE.  
A NEW TRANSLATION.  
The following is the first instalment of a translation from the Chinese of the negotiations between Viceroy Li Hung Chang and Marquis Ito which led to the Treaty of Shimonoseki. This translation puts a new aspect on the records hitherto published:—

HISTORY of the negotiations between the Grand Secretary and Viceroy Li Hung Chang and Count Ito (Marquis Ito), as narrated in two Chinese 'Black-books,' giving the correspondence and the other interviews.  
(PRELIMINARY TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL).  
It must be premised that in the course of the fifth and last interview Li Hung-Chang states that he received the Emperor's commands on the 13th February 1896 and arrived in Japan on the 19th of March.

Accordingly the first interview took place on the 20th of March when Li Hung-Chang, who had adopted the name of Li King-chang, (apparently one usually known as 'Li'), and the three secretaries, proceeded to the appointed place, and found there the Premier Count Ito, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Viscount Mutsu, and four assistants. After a few complimentary observations, both sides produced and compared preliminaries, which, with the assistance of the interpreters present, were found in due order. After directing the English version of the proposed treaty of peace (not printed) to be read aloud, the Grand Secretary handed it to Count Ito, who, after a moment's reflection, promised to reply the following day. Count Ito expressed his regret that the Emperor of China had not actually signed the credentials, adding that, as his Majesty was now on amiable terms with European sovereigns, he might as well have followed their recognized procedure throughout; however, he was not going to press the matter on this occasion, and he had only to express his regret that the Emperor of China had not actually signed the credentials, adding that, as his Majesty was now on amiable terms with European sovereigns, he might as well have followed their recognized procedure throughout; however, he was not going to press the matter on this occasion, and he had only to express his regret that the Emperor of China had not actually signed the credentials, adding that, as his Majesty was now on amiable terms with European sovereigns, he might as well have followed their recognized procedure throughout; however, he was not going to press the matter on this occasion, and he had only to express his regret that the Emperor of China had not actually signed the credentials, adding that, as his Majesty was now on amiable terms with European sovereigns, he might as well have followed their recognized procedure throughout; 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despatched as above on  
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The Steamship *Thyatta*,  
Capt. R. NISSEN, will be  
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DAY, the 23rd Instant.

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Hongkong, April 13, 1896. 782

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Captain F. J. COLE, carrying Her  
Majesty's Mail, will be despatched  
from this for BOMBAY, on THURS-  
DAY, the 23rd April, at Noon, taking  
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(This Steamer connects at Bombay with  
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Direct).

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,  
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will be transhipped at Colombo into a  
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London; other Cargo for London, &c., will  
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required.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, April 9, 1896. 789

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**

**NOTICE.**

**STEAM FOR  
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SUZ, PORT SAID,  
NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

**SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.**

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*Karlsruhe*..... Tuesday May 26.  
*Prinz Heinrich*..... Tuesday June 23.  
*Preussen*..... Tuesday July 21.  
*Sachsen*..... Tuesday August 18.  
*Prinz Heinrich*..... Tuesday September 15.  
*Preussen*..... Tuesday November 10.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

*China* (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

THURSDAY, April 16,  
at noon.

*Ferris* (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

SUNDAY, May 3,  
at daylight.

*City of San Francisco*  
(via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

THURSDAY, May 21,  
at noon.

**THE** U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA*  
will be despatched for SAN FRAN-  
CISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-  
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**J. S. VAN BUREN,**  
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Hongkong, April 15, 1896. 707

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**VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.**

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

*Belgia* (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, April 25,  
at noon.

*Karlsruhe* (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

WEDNESDAY, May 13,  
at noon.

*Prinz Heinrich* (via Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama and  
Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, May 30,  
at noon.

**THE** Steamship *BELGIC* will be  
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
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Union Assurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$250, sales and sellers
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Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales and buyers
H.K. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales and buyers
Indo-China S. S. Company, Limited	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales and buyers
China Mutual S. S. Co.	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales and buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales and buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100	all	\$100, sellers
Luxon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	all	\$100, sellers
WINE MERCHANTS.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	50	all	\$47, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,400	100	37	\$30, sales and buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	50	\$75, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	50	30	\$18
Humphreys Estate Co., Limited	25,400	10	all	\$9.75, sales and sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	40	\$18, sales
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	\$95, buyers
MINING.				
Jebeu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	5	all	\$3, sales and buyers
Panjoon Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	all	\$13, sellers
Société Minière des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	600	500	\$500, sales and sellers
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	3	all	\$2.00, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	1	13/10	\$5, sales
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H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	6,000	50	all	\$5, sales
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANIES.				
A. B. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	10	all	\$12, buyers
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DISPENSARIES.				
H.K. and Chinese Co., Limited	47,000	10	all	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10	5	\$7, sales
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Osapah, Moore & Co., Limited	2,000	10	all	\$5, buyers
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Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	all	\$36
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	all	\$108, sales and buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	25	all	\$120, ex new issue
Hkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	\$75, sales and buyers
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	70	\$75, sales and buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	70	\$75, sales and buyers
Leong-Sing-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	70	\$75, sales and buyers
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In Town (Ship Street to Robinson Street) West, up to level of Robinson Street at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

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3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Boxes of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may be delivered to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

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Parcels not exceeding 11 lb. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the first arrival in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

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The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles criminally sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

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3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

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5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handily bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Missed or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missed or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to \_\_\_\_\_, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in letters of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unsealed, the postage at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-boxholders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps at heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

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Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

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Belgium.

Bulgaria.

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Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Holstein and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy with Agencies at Tripoli, Asen and Massawa.

Norway.

Orange Free State.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Romania.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Transvaal.

Tunis.

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Smyrna.

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Tientsin.

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